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Notes of the Month.

The Quarterly Meetings of the South-East Wales Unitarian Society will be held at the Brotherhood Church, Mountain Ash, on Monday, October 8th.

2 p.m., Meeting of the Finance Committee.

2.30 p.m., Quarterly Meeting of the Society.

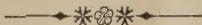
4 p.m., An address by the Rev. W. J. Phillips, on the "Amalgamation into the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches." Time will be given for discussion.

5 p.m., Tea.

5.30 p.m., Meeting of the Women's League.

7 p.m., Worship, when Principal J. Park Davies, M.A., B.D., will preach on "The Essentials of True Religion."

In future, Church Histories must be sent to the Editor a clear fortnight before the date for the other Calendar matter.



HEN DY CWRDD, TRECYNON, ABERDAR.

Gweinidog—Parch. E. R. DENNIS, 2 Alma Street, Trecynon.

Ysgrifenyddion—Arianol: Mr. D. R. Davies, 7 Cledwyn Terrace.

Gohebol: Mr. John Thomas, 19 Rose Terrace.

Trysorydd—Syr David R. Llewelyn, Barwnig.

Arweinydd y Gan—Mr. John Thomas.

Organydd—Mr. D. R. Davies.

Organydd cynorthwyl—Mr. J. Ivor Davies.

Gofalydd y Blodau—Miss Williams, Bryngwyn.

Dosbarthwr "Yr Ymofynydd"—Mr. J. Eurynd Davies.

Dosbarthwr y "Christian Life"—Mr. John Davies.

Dosbarthwr y Calendar—Mr. Idris Davies.

TREFN Y GWASANAETH: BOREU SUL, 11; HWYR 6.

YSGOL SUL, Dau o'r gloch.

Arolygwr—Mr. T. J. Lewis.

Ysgrifenydd—Mrs. M. J. Davies.

Trysorydd—Mr. D. R. Davies. *Trysorydd y Bank*—Mr. J. Ivor Davies.

URDD Y GWRAGEDD, bob yn ail nos Fercher, yn y festri.

Llywyddes—Mrs. E. R. Dennis.

Ysgrifenyddes—Mrs. D. R. Davies.

CYMDEITHAS DDIWYLLIADOL, nos Lun, am 7.30.

Llywydd—Mr. T. J. Lewis.

Is-Lwyddes—Mrs. B. James.

Ysgrifenyddion—Meistri J. Thomas ac I. Davies.

Trysorydd—Mr. J. Eurynd Davies.

GOBEITHLU.

Ceidwad y Capel—Mrs. Pittard, 1a Alma Street.

Arweinydd—Mr. John Thomas. *Cyfeilyddes*—Miss Mildred Howells.

Cynhelir gwasanaeth Saesneg nos Sul cyntaf o bob mis.

Medi 5ed, o flaen y cofrestrwyd, priododd Mr. H. Mack Stone a Miss E. A. Davies. Gwasanaethwyd ar yr achlysur gan y Parch. Constance Harris, Highland Place. Pob llwyddiant iddynt yn eu cartref newydd yn Eastbourne.

Dymunwn estyn i'r chwirydd Mrs. Williams a Miss Rowlands siwrne dda ar eu hymadawiad i'r Unol Daleithau.

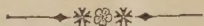
Llongyfarchwn y brawd ifanc Raymond H. Dennis ar ei lwyddiant yn pasio'r Senior C.W.B., a chael ohono'r Welsh Matriculation, a "distinction" yn Ffrangeg.

Bore Sul, y 14eg, bydd y Parch. D. Harris, Bethel (A.), yn cyfnewid pulpud a'r gweinidog. Mudiad i'r cyfeiriad iawn ydyw hwn.

Edrychwn ymlaen at Hydref 3ydd a'r 4ydd, pryd ceir perfformiad o "Change" a "Breuddwyd" gan Barti Dramodol Trecynon, er budd i'r eglwys.

Fe gynhelir cyfarfodydd diolchgarwch am y cynhaeaf y Sul olaf yn Hydref.

Fe ddechreuir defnyddio y llyfr emynau newydd y Sul cyntaf o fis Hydref.



HIGHLAND PLACE UNITARIAN CHURCH, MONK STREET, ABERDARE.

Minister—Rev. CONSTANCE HARRIS, 'Beechwood,' Abernant Road.

Chairman—Mr. W. Mackintosh, "Brooklands," The Grove.

Treasurer—Mr. Evan Jones, Teilo House, Monk Street.

Secretary—Mr. J. L. Rowlands, Bryn-Gwyn, Abernant Road.

Organist—Miss S. George, 2 Graig Isaf.

Superintendent Sunday School—Mr. Morgan, 35 Trevor Street.

Treasurer—Miss Gwladys Andrews, 10 Graig Place.

Secretary—Mr. Matthews, 13 Catherine Street.

Chairman Social Union—Mr. James Berry, Mill Street.

Secretary Social Union—Mr. D. Mackintosh, 19, Stuart Street.

Treasurer Social Union—Mr. H. Jenkins, 9, The Grove.

SUNDAY SERVICES, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2.30 p.m.

SOCIAL UNION, Thursdays, 7 p.m. CHILDREN'S MEETING, Fridays, 6 p.m.

Thought for the month.

"For all the rich autumnal glories spread,—
The flaming pageant of the ripening woods,
We thank Thee, Lord."

On Thursday, 30th August, a very pleasant social meeting was held in the schoolroom in honour of Mr. W. Watkins, who is leaving us to take up duties at Harpenden, in Hertfordshire. Following a few musical items, Mr. Watkins was presented with a beautiful copy of Shakespeare's works in recognition of the good work he has done for the Social Union and the Dramatic Circle. Mr. Watkins expressed his thanks for the gift and his regret at having to sever his connection with the friends at Highland Place. We all wish him well.

At a meeting of the Social Union, on the 12th ult., the chairman and the officers were re-elected and arrangements made for the coming session. The Rev. Constance Harris expressed her appreciation of the efficient way in which the secretarial duties had been carried out, and of the loyalty and devotion of the Committee. The following is the programme arranged for the current month:—4th, tea and social; 11th, dramatic entertainment, when the "Monkey's Paw" will be performed; 18th, a whist drive; and on the 25th, a devotional service will be conducted by the minister.

Good congregations assembled on Sunday, the 16th, when the Rev. W. J. Phillips officiated both morning and evening. Mr. Phillips' services are always appreciated at Highland Place.

We would remind friends of our Harvest Thanksgiving services, which will be held on Sunday, October 7th, when the Rev. R. J. Hall, M.A., of Swansea, will be the preacher. Contributions of fruit and flowers, etc., will be gratefully received at the church on the previous Saturday morning.

The Communion service will be conducted on Sunday evening, October 14th, by the Rev. Constance Harris.

THE OLD MEETING HOUSE, PARK STREET, BRIDGEND.

Lay Preacher-in-charge—Mr. E. C. PEELING, 14 Llangewydd Road.

Chairman—Mr. C. Williams, 13 Brackla Street.

Treasurer—Mr. H. Morgan, 28 Cowbridge Road.

Secretary—Mr. A. W. Harvey, 15 Park Street.

Organist—Mr. T. Hopkin, 6 Elder Street.

Assistant Organist—Mrs. James, 12 Newcastle Hill.

Sunday School Secretary—Miss L. Gould, 8 Highland Place.

Caretaker—Mrs. Matthews, 2 Llynvi Street.

SERVICE, 6.30 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2.30 p.m.

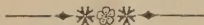
Sidesmen for October.—Mr. H. Morgan and Mr. J. Morgan.

Flower rota for October.—7th, Mrs. J. Waddington; 14th, Mrs. Matthews; 21st, Mrs. J. Rouse; 28th, Mrs. C. Williams.

On Sunday, September 16th, Mr. John Lewis paid us another visit, and gave us a simple, homely address on the subject, "If Jesus came to Bridgend, what would he do, and where would he go?" Although Mr. Lewis is a Congregationalist, he is ever ready to help us.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held on Sunday and Monday, October 21st and 22nd. I hope our gardening friends will not forget these dates. Gifts of fruit, flowers, and vegetables will be gratefully received, and all friends from the congregation are expected to attend to help with the decorating of the chapel.

The chapel outing took place on Wednesday, September 5th, and was very successful. We went to Malvern by omnibus, returning along the Wye Valley. The next outing will take place soon after Christmas, when we shall journey to Bristol. I would like to say that enjoyment is not the only motive of our activities. I have much to tell of great happenings in the near future which will show that we can do things if we try.



THE WEST GROVE UNITARIAN CHURCH, NEWPORT ROAD, CARDIFF.

Minister—Rev. H. H. CEIRON JONES, B.A., 7 Colum Road, Cathays Park.

Chairman—Mr. J. Rhys Evans, The Bank House, Whitechurch Road.

Treasurer—Mr. C. E. Edwards, 56 Palace Road, Llandaff.

Secretary—Mr. R. T. Hutchinson, 33 Morlais Street, Roath Park.

Financial Secretary—Mr. T. I. Millward, 199 Cathedral Road.

Organist—Mr. Gwynne Davies, A.R.C.O., 107 Allensbank Road.

Caretaker—Mrs. Robson, 12 Sun Street.

Committee—Mrs. Bement, Miss Holloway, Miss Mogridge, Messrs. J. B. Clee, C. E. Edwards, D. Evans, J. R. Evans, R. T. Hutchinson, C. E. H. James, T. I. Millward, A. E. Orchard and the Minister.

Trustees—Messrs. R. W. Atkinson, A. Ellis, C. H. Legassick, A. R. Phelps, E. S. Seaton, G. Ll. Thomas, J.P., P. A. Thompson, C. Thompson, and the British and Foreign Unitarian Association.

SUNDAY SERVICES. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 3 p.m.

Wardens for October.—Morning: Messrs. J. Rhys Evans and R. T. Hutchinson; evening: Messrs. J. B. Clee and R. Roberts.

Flowers for October.—7th, Mrs. G. C. Payne; 11th, Church Anniversary; 21st, Mrs. Evan James; 28th, Mrs. T. I. Millward.

"Our Founders here sought to be free in their religion and religious in their freedom."—W. G. Tarrant.

NOTES OF THE MONTH.

The "Inquirer" and the Calendar may be had from Mr. C. E. H. James, at 2d. per copy.

The Financial Secretary will attend in the vestibule on Sundays, October 14th and 21st, to receive the quarterly subscriptions.

A meeting of the Church Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, at 7 p.m.; a meeting of the School Committee on Tuesday, October 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.

The members of the Women's League will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 9th, at 3.30 p.m. The Sewing Circle meets every Tuesday at 3 p.m., with a social tea at 5 o'clock.

Our church anniversary services will be held on Sunday, October 14th. Our cause originated in Cardiff towards the close of 1879. The foundation stone of our church was laid on October 14th, 1886. The dedication and opening services were held on August 3rd, 1887. We trust that all who love our church and our faith will not fail to remember our day of commemoration.

A congregational social will be held on Wednesday, October 24th, to commence at 7.30 p.m. Tickets (including refreshments) will be one shilling each. Other particulars will be announced later. We hope this will prove a very popular arrangement, and that all our friends will be able to attend.

On Sunday, October 28th, at 8.15 p.m., our organist, Mr. Gwynne Davies, A.R.C.O., will give a recital in the church. The programme will be announced later and we trust that all will help to make this evening widely known among their friends. The recitals which Mr. Davies gave last year proved very popular and we are looking forward to good music again this winter.

The members of the Tennis Club have arranged a dance for Wednesday, October 31st. Tickets, 1s. Proceeds in aid of the club funds.

As we go to press we are looking forward to our Harvest Thanksgiving services, and also to the annual meeting of the League of Youth, which will be held on September 24th, at 8 p.m. The League officers will be elected, and the weekly programme for October will be arranged at this meeting, and posted up in the church vestibule. The Dramatic Society will arrange its programme during the week and announce it to friends interested. The tennis court will be closed on September 26th, and a tennis social will be held in the schoolroom at 8 p.m.

We propose holding a jumble sale early in November. Gifts of any kind will be gratefully received on Tuesday afternoons or can be called for by arrangement.

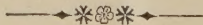
Our sale of work will be held at the end of November, or the beginning of December; the date will be announced later. The ladies appeal to friends to join the Thrift Club and hand in their contributions to Miss James and Mrs. T. I. Millward. Will all our members come forward and offer to help in whatever capacity they are able to do so. That alone will ensure success.

RETROSPECTIVE.

Dedication.—On Sunday morning, September 2nd, at West Grove, Albert Trevor, the son of Minnie Mary and Percy Oliver Orchard, 6 Sandon Street, Cardiff. The minister officiated. We send our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Orchard and their two children.

We were glad to welcome the Rev. George Neighbour, of Mountain Ash, to conduct our services on Sunday, August 26th, and we are grateful to him for his helpful addresses.

We are thankful to know that our friend Mr. A. E. Orchard is making good recovery after his long and serious illness, and that Mr. Patrick is also better and able to go out and benefit by this beautiful weather. We are sorry to report that Mrs. Jenkin Jones is very ill. We unite in sending her our very best wishes for recovery.



PARK-Y-VELVET AND COLLEGE CHAPEL, MANSEL ST., CARMARTHEN.

Minister in Charge—Principal J. PARK DAVIES, M.A., B.D.

Secretary—Miss Sally Davies, 103 Lammas Street Carmarthen.

Treasurer—Mr. W. A. Evans, 8 Priory Street, Carmarthen.

Calendar Secretary—Mr. T. L. Jones, The Presbyterian College, Carmarthen.
Calendar Distributor—Mr. Ben Evans, 8 Priory Street, Carmarthen.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES, 6.30 p.m.

Owing to unsatisfactory health, Mr. D. Emlyn Davies has found it necessary to give up the duties of church secretary, and it is gratifying that his daughter, Miss Sally Davies, a council school teacher, has consented to fill the office in his place.

There has also been a change in the post of Calendar distributor. Mr. Haydn Davies has transferred the work to Mr. Ben Evans, the son of our treasurer.

Owing to the fact that most of the congregation were away on holidays it was found advisable to close the chapel during August. Services were resumed on September 9th, when Principal Davies officiated.

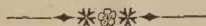
The College will re-open on Tuesday, October 2nd. In all probability the number of students will greatly exceed that of the previous session.

It is expected that among them will be five Unitarians. This undoubtedly constitutes a record for a very long period.

One of the new students will be Mr. Dewi Jones, who was placed second in the list of successful candidates in the July entrance examination. Mr. Jones comes from an old Unitarian family which has been closely connected with the Llwynrhydowen Chapel for several generations.

The other new student expected to enter college next session is Mr. Bruce Engvall, of Swansea. He is admitted to a two years' special course and subject to being accepted by the Advisory Committee he will serve for a further year as a lay minister before proceeding to his final examination in accordance with the General Assembly Scheme.

As there will be therefore three full course and two special course students in college it is to be hoped that Unitarian churches will remember their existence and forward supplies to them whenever possible.



HEN DY CWRDD, OLD CHAPEL STREET, CEFN COED.

Minister—SUPPLIES.

Secretary—Mr. Lewis Edwards, 53 High Street, Cefn Coed.

Assistant Secretary—Mr. Emanuel Lewis, Pontycapel Road, Cefn Coed.

Treasurer—Mr. Thomas Lewis, "Wern Coed," Pontycapel Road, Cefn.

Chairman—Mr. Thomas Lewis.

Vice-Chairman—Mr. David Evans.

Precentor—Mr. L. Edwards.

Organist—Mrs. L. Edwards, A.T.C.L.

Sunday School Secretary—Miss Margery Davies, 2 Park Villas, Cefn.

Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. Towy Morris.

Sunday School Treasurer—Mr. D. R. Lewis.

Band of Hope Superintendent—Mr. David Evans.

Distributors of "Christian Life" and "Ymofynnydd"—Miss L. Harris and Miss Doris Simon.

Sunday School Bank Cashier—Mrs. J. R. Evans.

Calendar Secretary—Mr. Hathren Jones, 5 Holford Street, Cefn.

SUNDAY SERVICES, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2.15 p.m.

Stewards for October.—Messrs. David Evans and Hathren Jones.

We congratulate Mr. E. D. Jenkins on his success in the school certificate examination.

We have commenced a series of winter whist drives for our young people, and it is hoped that these will be popular and well attended.

Our new congregational hymnal may now be purchased from Mr. D. R. Lewis in different bindings at 7s., 5s. 6d., and 4s. 6d. It is of interest to us to note that the new book bears the name of its predecessor and contains most of those tunes and hymns that were so familiar to us. The old "Perlau

Moliant" ("Pearls of Praise") was associated with our church both by long usage and by its compilation in 1896, at Cefn, by Mr. Eiddil Jones, Mr. William Harries, and the Rev. John Hathren Davies. It has long been out of print and the new book meets a greatly felt need.

The visit of our District Minister the Rev. H. H. C. Jones, B.A., on Sunday, August 26th, was eagerly anticipated, and his sermons during the day were greatly appreciated by good congregations. A special Sunday School service was held in the afternoon, when the devotional service was impressively conducted by Mr. Hathren Jones, solos sung by Mr. Joseph Rees, and the meeting ably presided over by Mr. David Evans. Mr. Lewis Edwards, who is the moving spirit of most of these happy functions with us, explained how the Sunday School Association had provided fitting recognition for loyalty and long service among teachers in our Sunday Schools. We were all delighted when we learnt that Mrs. J. R. Evans and Miss L. Harris were to receive this recognition after forty-one and thirty-four years respectively of loyal and self-sacrificing service in our school. They are members of a family which has a long tradition of loyalty to our faith, their father, Mr. William Harris, was secretary of our church for over forty years. Mr. Edwards thanked the two sisters on behalf of the church and Sunday School for their unselfish devotion, and then called upon the District Minister to present suitably inscribed silver medals. Mr. Jones said that long service does not necessarily mean faithful or loyal service, because these are qualities that are not measured in time but in consecration and devotion. With these two good and faithful servants, however, the passage of time had served to test, and also to strengthen and ever increase their devotion. He congratulated the church on its vitality and its treasured traditions of loyalty and service. Messrs. D. T. Evans and D. T. Lewis also testified to the sterling qualities of the two ladies, and conveyed to them the thanks of the scholars and teachers. Both recipients happily responded, thanking their friends for such a charming gift, which they would always treasure. Thus a happy and helpful service was brought to a close.

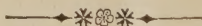
To the friends at Cefn Coed.

I am on the eve of returning to Nova Scotia, and although I should much have liked to bear greetings in person from my husband, Eric Davies, and myself, the nearest I could get to Cefn was Cardiff, where I spent a few short hours. The time has flown and I have had to forego some hoped-for meetings. Please accept our very cordial greetings and remembrances.

Yours sincerely,

MABEL B. DAVIES.

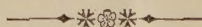
93 Hawthorne Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.



DOWLAIS UNITARIAN CHURCH, WHITE STREET, DOWLAIS.

Closed.

Secretary—Mrs. L. Jones, 10 Overton Street, Dowlais.



UNITARIAN CHAPEL, THOMAS ST., MERTHYR TYDFIL.

Minister.—Supplies.

Chairman—Mr Herbert Jones, Milton Place.

Treasurer—Mr. G. Ll. Thomas, J.P., Maescunrig.

Secretary—Mr. F. A. Whiting, 52 Pontmorlais.

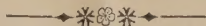
Organist—Miss Jenkins, Nantygwenith Street.

Caretaker—Mrs. Jones, 22 Tramroadside.

Service.—Sunday Evening, 6 o'clock; Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.

We have reverted to the evening hour for our worship during the winter months, and now the holiday season is over we look forward to a better attendance.

Our good friend Mr. Herbert Jones is recovering from his recent illness, and though able to attend services he has not as yet been able to take his accustomed place in the pulpit. Mr. F. A. Whiting has conducted the services during Mr. Jones' illness and will continue to do so until our good friend is well again.



BROTHERHOOD CHURCH (UNITARIAN), NAPIER ST., MOUNTAIN ASH.

Minister—Rev. GEORGE NEIGHBOUR, 29 Gorsedd Street.

Chairman of Committee—Mr. L. Bevan.

Secretary—Mrs. K. Beard, 67 Thomas Street.

Treasurer—Mr. James Jones, 35 Gwern-ifer Street.

Organist—Mr. A. T. Beard.

Treasurer of Women's League—Mrs. R. Card.

Secretary Sunday School—Miss Neighbour, 29 Gorsedd Street.

SUNDAY SERVICES, 6 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2.30 p.m.

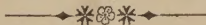
WOMEN'S GUILD, Wednesdays, 6.30. GIRL'S GUILD, Wednesdays, 5.30.

BAND OF HOPE, Mondays.

August is a quiet month, so far as church activities are concerned. The one special event was the repeat Sunday School anniversary services, which were held on Sunday, August 12th. Good congregations attended, the chapel being full at the evening service. The scholars gave their programme most efficiently.

Mr. and Mrs. Neighbour enjoyed a very happy time at "Arosfa," Newton. The short holiday has somewhat restored Mrs. Neighbour to her usual health. The pastor, during his holidays, occupied the pulpits at Cardiff and Nottage.

We are now looking forward to coming events. On Sunday, September 30th, the harvest services will be held. The pulpit will be occupied in the afternoon by Miss A. G. George, and in the evening by the Rev. Constance Harris. The Sunday following, October 7th, we shall be favoured by a visit from our Missionary Secretary, the Rev. H. H. Ceiron Jones, B.A., who will conduct our church anniversary services afternoon and evening. We are looking forward to a helpful and a profitable time. On the Monday following, October 8th, we shall welcome our South-East Wales Association Society to hold its quarterly meetings at our church. A preaching service will be held in the evening when Principal J. Park Davies, M.A., B.D., of the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen, will officiate. We trust the visit of our Association will result in a time of inspiration and blessing, and we extend to all ministers and delegates a very hearty welcome to our midst.



NOTTAGE GENERAL BAPTIST (UNITARIAN) CHURCH.

Minister—Rev. WM. J. PHILLIPS, Eryl, Newton, Porthcawl.

Secretary—Mr. F. H. Roberts, 24 Queen's Avenue, Porthcawl.

Treasurer—Mr. D. Price, Westhaven, Nottage.

Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. J. T. Williams, Newton.

Sunday School Secretary—Mr. Waldo E. Parry, Belvedere, Newton.

Calendar Secretary—Miss M. Williams, Globe Cottages, Newton, Porthcawl.

SUNDAY SERVICES, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2.30 p.m.

Flower rota for October.—7th, Mrs. Roberts, Nottage; 14th, Harvest Festival Service; 21st, Mrs. Phillips, Ashdene; 28th, Mrs. Roberts, Queen's Avenue.

Sidesmen for October. Mr. J. G. Cooper (downstairs) and Mr. David A. Thomas (upstairs).

The morning services from August 19th to September 16th were conducted by Mr. J. T. Williams (2), Rev. W. J. Phillips, Mr. Arthur Jones (Penygraig), Mr. D. A. Thomas and Mr. E. C. Peeling (Bridgend). It is gratifying to record an increased attendance at these services during this period, an increase which we hope will be maintained and even improved.

The evening services during the same period were conducted by the Rev. W. Priestley Phillips, M.A. (Stand), Rev. W. J. Phillips, Rev. Geo. Neighbour (Mountain Ash), and Mr. E. C. Peeling (Bridgend). There has been a marked improvement in our evening congregations during the last month.

Our minister occupied the pulpits at Hen Dy Cwrdd, Cefn Coed, and Highland Place, Aberdare, on August 19th and September 16th respectively.

Our minister represented our church at the annual meeting of the General Baptist Assembly, held in Essex Hall, London, on August 29th.

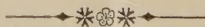
The special service for young people held on Sunday evening, September 9th was well attended and highly successful. The simple liturgical service (with musical responses) was read by Mr. J. T. Williams, Sunday School superintendent, the address being delivered by the minister, whilst the Sunday scholars sang several hymns with good taste. Several of the older members of the congregation expressed the hope that a similar service would be held again soon.

The second congregational outing took place on Wednesday, September 12th, when a company of 23 adults proceeded to Brecon and thence to Abergavenny by charabanc. The weather was delightfully fine and the ride over the Cwmtaf Hills, with the majestic Brecon Beacons standing out clearly in the distance, was thoroughly enjoyed by all; in fact, the greater part of the route took us through wonderfully beautiful and varied scenery, and we had a great time. Thanks are due to Mr. Gwilym Williams, who organized the outing with his usual skill and care.

We wish to call the special attention of our friends to our Harvest Festival services, which are fixed for Sunday, October 14th, at three o'clock, and six o'clock, when our minister will conduct the services; and Monday, October 15th, at seven o'clock, when the Rev. E. R. Dennis, Aberdare, will be the preacher. We were so delighted with Mr. Dennis last year that a unanimous decision was come to asking him to visit us again this year. We are looking forward to having a good time. Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, etc., are kindly solicited and should be brought to the church on Saturday afternoon, October 13th, at 2.30 p.m.

The marriage of Mr. Waldo Parry to Miss Molly Phillips took place at the church on the morning of September 11th, the bride's father officiating, in the presence of the registrar. The honeymoon was spent in London and Cheltenham.

We are pleased to record that Mrs. Stanley Thomas, Nottage, gave birth to a son on Sunday, September 16th, and that both mother and baby boy are going on satisfactorily.



GLANRHONDDA UNITARIAN CHURCH, HIGH STREET, PENTRE, TREORCHY.

Minister—SUPPLIES.

*Chairman of Church Committee—*Mr. Geo. Thomas, 24 Dumfries St., Treorchy.
*Treasurer—*Mr. Geo. Payne, H.S.B., Neuhoof, Upton Ter., Penygraig, Glam.
*Secretary—*Mr. Stanley Woodward, 16 Whitefield Street, Ton Pentre.
*Sunday School Superintendent—*Mr. Geo. Thomas, 24 Dumfries St., Treorchy.
*Sunday School Secretary—*Mr. Howard Payne, Neuhoof, Upton Ter., Penygraig.
*Verger—*Mr. C. Emmanuel. *Warden—*Mrs. L. Davies.
*Women's League Secretary—*Mrs. C. Woodward, 16 Whitefield St., Ton Pentre.
*Women's League Treasurer—*Mrs. L. Davies, 18 Madeline Street, Ton Pentre.

SERVICE—SUNDAY EVENING, 6.15 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2.30 p.m.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held on Sunday, October 7th, in Welsh at 2.30 p.m., and in English at 6.15 p.m. Principal J. Park Davies, M.A., B.D., of the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen, will be the preacher at both services. We all look forward to this visit of Principal Davies, and we hope that his coming will be made known to his friends and admirers in Treorchy. The members of the Women's League have made themselves responsible for the decorations, and will be in attendance on the Saturday to receive gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers. We look forward to helpful and inspiring services on this occasion.

Mr. Reginald Salvidge conducted his "farewell service" for us on Sunday, August 26th. Mr. Salvidge has been a most loyal worker for our cause, always willing and ready to serve in any capacity, and ever as a comrade in our midst. He has conducted our services ably and often, and his presence and ready help will be greatly missed among us. He goes to reside in London, and takes with him the very best wishes of all the friends in our church. May he be of help to some struggling church there as he has been here.

We are very grateful to our ever willing friend Mr. George Thomas for taking our service on short notice, on Sunday, August 19th. We younger people have in him a worthy example that we might profitably emulate. Our thanks also to Mr. Charles Carpenter, of Cardiff, for his helpful service, on Sunday, August 12th, and to Mrs. J. Parry, for so kindly providing hospitality.

Our Sunday School Savings Bank is now open.

Mr. Howard Payne and Mr. George Thomas are planning a camping scheme for our older boys next summer. Let the boys rally round their leaders in good time.



UNITARIAN CHURCH, MORGAN STREET, PONTYPRIDD.

Minister—Supplies.

Secretary—Mr. Angus McTavish, 7 Merthyr Road, Pontypridd.

Treasurer—Mr. John Lewis, Tophill, Pontypridd.

Organist—Mr. Benjamin Morgan.

Secretary Women's League—Miss E. Williams, Hawthorn, Pontypridd.

Secretary Band of Hope—Mrs. John Lewis, Tophill, Pontypridd.

Secretary Young People's League—Mr. Owen Davies, 13, The Avenue, Pontypridd.

SERVICES—SUNDAY MORNING CLASS at 11 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL at 2.30 p.m.

EVENING SERVICE at 6 p.m.

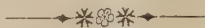
September, which, for most people, is the last of the summer holiday months, proved somewhat uneventful so far as church work was concerned.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that the Rev. T. Joseph Jones, B.A., who left the Calvinistic Methodist ministry for Unitarianism, and who was recently inducted to the pastorate of our church at Stockport, is a native of Ynysybwl, and that while on his honeymoon both he and his wife attended one of our services. The writer of these notes has heard from personal friends and fellow students very glowing reports of Mr. Jones as a man and as a preacher, and feels sorry that Mr. Jones' gifts were not available nearer home. As a church we feel confident he will be heartily and sincerely welcomed into the fellowship of our free faith, and further we hope he and Mrs. Jones will long be spared to spread its message of "Courage and cheer," unfettered by stereotyped creeds and dogmas. One pleasing feature in connection with Mr. Jones' departure from Calvinism was that he left with the kindest of good feeling on the part of the ministers with whom he formerly worked and with their best wishes for the success of his future labours in another part of the Master's vineyard.

Mrs. S. T. Lewis, who has hitherto supplied the Calendar notes, has been obliged to take a much needed rest, and we hope she will soon be re-

stored to health and be able to take up the work again. Mrs. James, our caretaker, has also been on the sick-list, and to her we extend our sympathy and wish her a speedy recovery.

Dr. Mellone's new book "Back to Realities" is the subject of study at our Sunday morning adult class, and the members are delighted with the clear and fair way in which the Prayer Book question is set forth. More members of either sex would be warmly welcomed.



UNITARIAN CHURCH, HIGH STREET, SWANSEA.

Minister—Rev. R. J. HALL, M.A., Mirador Crescent, Uplands.

Secretary—Mr. F. T. Symons, 51 Kinley Street, St. Thomas.

Treasurer—Mr. J. B. John, 106 Terrace Road.

Calendar Secretary—Mr. W. Harris.

SUNDAY SERVICES. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. **SUNDAY SCHOOL,** 3 p.m.

Flowers for the month.—October 7th, Harvest Services; October 14th, Mrs. Jenks; October 21st, Mrs. Marlow; October 28th, Mrs. Maloney.

Harvest Thanksgiving services this year will be conducted by the Rev. Constance Harris, of Highland Place Church, Aberdare, on October 7th. This is the first chance the congregation has had to hear the new minister at Aberdare. Please give Miss Harris the pleasure of speaking to a congregation good in numbers as well as in quality. Don't forget to send what you can of fruit, flowers or vegetables on Saturday, October 6th. The church will be open throughout that day.

Two hundred and fifty-six Anniversary Services.—These will be held on October 14th, and will be conducted by the minister. In the past you have more than once filled the church for these services. The church is not the largest of the Swansea Nonconformist churches, but it is the oldest and it has a good record of unselfish service in Swansea. Show your pride in that fact by your presence at both services on October 14th.

A Secularist Challenge.—The National Secular Society through its local branch has challenged your minister to debate with its lecturer, Mr. Whitehead, on several questions, including these: "Is there a personal God? Is there a future life? The challenge has been accepted and a sub-committee of the General Committee has been set up to make the necessary arrangements in conjunction with the Branch Committee of the Secularist Society. Full details should appear next month.

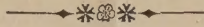
A New Lectureship at the Presbyterian College.—It will be of interest to the congregation to know that the Presbyterian Board, acting in conjunction with the Committee of our church, have established a lectureship in sociology and economics for a trial period of five years. Your minister will hold that lectureship. It is a source of pleasure to your committee that the teaching connection between the church and the College in the persons of former ministers such as the Rev. J. E. Manning, M.A., the Rev. Edward Higginson, and the Rev. Solomon Harries, has been revived in the present ministry.

The Rev. Tom Nefyn Williams.—Your Committee recently invited Mr. Williams to conduct our 256th anniversary services. He is unable to come on that Sunday, but has expressed his readiness to accept an invitation to preach at a later date. We may, therefore, hope to see our "Tumble heretic" in Swansea at no distant date.

Women's League.—The League had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Michael, prison visitor, probation officer, member of the Board of Guardians and founder of the Strand Mission, at a special meeting of the branch on Monday, September 18th. Her revelations of a relatively unknown side of Swansea life filled her hearers with a strong desire to co-operate in forms of social work hitherto unknown to our branch of the League.

Students' Maintenance Fund.—Owing to the fact that we have a student for the ministry going forward to the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen, from this congregation, it has become very urgent that a students' mainte-

nance fund should be subscribed to as liberally as may be. Our English theological colleges are able to provide liberal bursaries for the maintenance of students. Our college in Wales is not in that happy position. Its students must depend on supplies and grants from funds, unless, as is rarely the case, they can maintain themselves. Your Committee has voted £4. £4 is also subscribed by certain friends in Cardiganshire. A few members of the congregation have handed to me additional subscriptions which will provide another £2. For immediate needs a further sum of about £8 is required.



WICK GENERAL BAPTIST (UNITARIAN) CHAPEL.

Lay Preacher-in-charge—Mr. J. F. LING, 4 Jenkins Street, Bridgend.

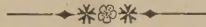
Secretary—Mr. David Beale, Pencareg, Wick.

Treasurer—Mr. E. Williams, Broughton Shop, Wick.

Organist—Miss Annie Hill, Little West House, Wick.

SERVICE—SUNDAY EVENING, 6 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2.30 p.m.

We are now looking forward to our Harvest Thanksgiving services, which will be held on Sunday and Monday, October 21st and 22nd. The Rev. H. H. C. Jones, of Cardiff, has kindly promised to conduct our service on the Monday evening. Particulars will be announced later.



LAY PREACHERS.

Mr. C. Carpenter, 118 Marlborough Road, Roath, Cardiff. Mr. J. W. Davies, 44a Harriet Street, Cathays, Cardiff. Mr. W. R. Evans, Cardiff Road, Aberaman. Miss A. G. George, Graig Isaf, Aberdare. Mr. Howard Payne, Neuho, Upton Terrace, Penygraig. Mr. Reginald Salvidge, 41 Kenry Street, Treherbert.

Unitarian Students at the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen.

Second year—Mr. T. L. Jones, Mr. C. V. Lewis, Mr. Marles Thomas.

First year—Mr. Bruce Engvall, Mr. Dewi Jones.

As members of the Executive Committee representing our churches in the Society we would urge upon the congregations the desirability in the absence of ministers of employing our students from the Presbyterian College for supplies, while if not convenient to employ students, then lay preachers who are accredited members of the Lay Preachers' Union. It is also our hope that our laymen who so kindly take occasional services will offer themselves for membership of the Lay Preachers' Union. While we do not wish as a committee to appear in any way to overlook the freedom that our congregations enjoy in this and all other matters, we nevertheless feel it our duty to point to the need for great care in matters of leadership in our Unitarian worship.

The members of the District Women's League met for a ramble at Creigiau on Wednesday, September 12th. The branches at Aberdare, Cardiff and Pontypridd were represented. Tea was served in the garden of the Creigiau Temperance Hotel, and a very happy time was spent.

We in South Wales are not surprised to learn of the resignation of the

Rev. D. Cellan Evans, of Northampton, and we would have respected his convictions more had he resigned his pastorate about fifteen months ago before his first attempt to join the Church of England.

We welcome into our denomination the Rev. T. Joseph Jones, B.A., who was inducted minister of our church at Stockport on Sunday, September 9th. Mr. Jones is a Welshman, born at Ynysybwl, educated at Pontypridd County School, Cardiff University, where he graduated, and the Calvinistic Methodist Theological Colleges at Aberystwyth and Bala. We print below an extract from an interesting letter sent by him to the Editor:—

The Rev. D. Cellan Evans has left the Unitarian body in the interests of unity. I have joined it in the interests of variety. Whilst holding to the ideal of unity as tenaciously as anyone, I beg leave to insist that the unity we want is that of spirit and life, rather than the uniformity of ecclesiastical position and mode of worship. I can hardly conceive of a time when all people will worship in the same way, using the same forms and expressions, at any rate so long as there are differences of temperament and taste, of knowledge and insight. The Quaker is as far removed from the Catholic, for example, as the Unitarian is from the Fundamentalist, and it is hardly to be expected that all these would be equally or reasonably satisfied with any one form of worship. The lion and the lamb may lie down together, but it cannot be expected that they will eat the same food, and eat it in the same way! No, it behoves us to apprehend clearly what we mean by a universal and a united church. The church can only be an entity that lives in, and consists of, its constituent parts. There must be parts to unify, and there is no church apart from them. They are the church, just as the colleges in Oxford are the University. If you asked a policeman in Oxford to shew you the university, he could not do it: he could only point to the different colleges. They are the university. So is it, or so it ought to be with the church. Let there be a variety of parts, with variety of organisation and of worship; but let there be also such a unity of spirit and co-operation of effort for the amelioration of the human lot, that any imaginary visitor from another planet who wished to see the Church of God on earth, might be shewn all the different sections and be told, 'These are the church, these together, and apart from these there is no church.'

It is the Unitarian 'college' of the great 'university' that attracts me most,—in my present stage of development and knowledge at any rate. I have joined its communion because it seems to me to insist, more than any other, upon the real heart of religion, viz., direct contact of the individual soul with God the Father, without any mediation; because it holds a clearer, nobler and more logical conception of God; and because it offers a greater inspiration, morally, in its view of Jesus as a leader and pioneer of like nature as ourselves, and withall, because it reserves a place for development and progress."

The spirit of Tolstoy, the centenary of whose birth we celebrated in September, may be summed up in his own immortal words: "Ask thyself sincerely which of the two thou desirest; that thou shouldst immediately be exalted, that thou shouldst see the fruit of thy deeds, but that thy work should be doubtful; or that thou shouldst be misunderstood, shouldst be abused to the end, but that thy work should be, for certain, God's work?" That is the spirit which our world still needs.



Church Histories.

HIGHLAND PLACE UNITARIAN CHURCH, ABERDARE.

On the 20th December, 1860, our church was opened and dedicated. There were already two Unitarian places of worship in the Aberdare Valley, Hen Dy Cwrdd and the chapel at Cwmbach. Since Aberdare was at the centre of the South Wales coalfield there had been a rapid growth of population and at the same time an extension of Unitarian thought. Many supporters of the "freer faith" felt that there were the elements of an additional congregation in the locality, and desiring to have services in the English language for the benefit of their growing families set to work, formed a committee and appealed for support. Their appeal was promptly and generously responded to, not only by their own denomination, but also by many orthodox friends who manifested their sympathy by offering the use of their chapels for the opening services in case the new building would not prove adequate to the occasion.

The church was built at the top of Monk Street within a short distance of two other dissenting chapels, a Methodist and a Baptist; its nearest neighbour to-day is the Catholic chapel. The fact of so many places of worship being built in such close proximity was because the landlord was a Unitarian. The aristocratic landowners of those days refused building ground to any other than Churchmen. Griffith Davies, however, conceded to his dissenting brethren the same liberty of thought as he claimed for himself, and on equitable terms permitted them to erect their places of worship on his land.

Our church was built from the design of Mr. H. J. Paull of Cardiff, and was described as a Gothic structure of considerable elegance and simplicity which reflected great credit on the designer. The estimated cost, including enclosure, heating and lighting was £1,045. Of this, £275 remained to be paid on the opening day.

The opening ceremony took place as mentioned above, on December 20th, 1860. The services were well attended. The morning devotional service was conducted by the Rev. E. Higginson, of Swansea, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. William James, of Lewin's Mead, Bristol. In the evening the devotional service was conducted by the Rev. John Edward Jones, first editor of the "Ymofynydd." Dr. Lloyd, of the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen, preached in English, and the Rev. Thomas Thomas, Pantydaifod, in Welsh.

In the afternoon a meeting, under the presidency of Mr. John Jones, was held at the Black Lion Hotel, where about 90 people had adjourned for lunch. Interesting speeches were made. Mr. Thomas Stephens, Merthyr, emphasised the necessity of immediately starting a Sunday School as one of the conditions of success. There seems to be no record as to the date when the first Sunday School was opened, but though numbers were few, it was firmly established under the ministry of the Rev. J. J. George, and to-day there are 65 names on the register and two of the teachers have each a record of over forty years' service.

The church was registered for public worship in 1861. The lease was granted by Messrs. Griffith and Jenkin Davies, Ynyslwyd, to Mr. Charles Herbert James, at one time Member of Parliament for the borough; it was dated 1859 and was for nine hundred and ninety-nine years. In 1874 a manse was built at a cost of nearly £800, and in 1877 a schoolroom was added, entailing a further expenditure of £550. This expense was more than the congregation could meet and the church had to be closed. It remained closed for a period of eight years, but in the meantime three members had very generously, and to their honour be it said, paid off the debt on the schoolroom with the accumulated interest, and thus averted the threatened loss of the building. These members were Mr. John Jones, Mr. Richard Bedlington, and Mr. Evan Thomas.

The first minister of the church was the Rev. Charles Frederick Biss, 1861-63, who was succeeded by the Rev. J. Joseph George, 1864-1882, who

ceased his connection as minister when the chapel was closed in 1882. Both these ministers were able preachers and at their best in the pulpit. The writer can well remember the impressive way in which the Communion service was conducted by the Rev. J. J. George, the ceremony being made possible by the presentation to the church of a beautiful Communion service of silver plate, by Mrs. Griffith Davies, Ynyslwyd. This service is still in regular use, with the addition of a stand of individual cups, presented a few years ago by Miss Williams, Caecoed.

In 1890, mainly through the energy and determination of Mr. L. N. Williams, whose family had long been identified with Hen Dŷ Cwrdd, the church was re-opened for public worship. Since the re-opening all has gone well with the church, and it seems to-day more promising than it has been for many years. There are fifty subscribing members; the average attendance during the present year is thirty-six in the morning,—including sixteen children,—and sixty adults in the evening.

The first minister to take charge after the re-opening was the Rev. James Shaw, 1890-93. There followed the Rev. Jenkin Thomas, 1893-99; E. Robinson Hughes, 1899-00; Henry Fisher Short, 1902-04; Melchizedec Evans, 1906-11; Evan Thomas Evans, 1913-20; Harry Andrew, 1922-26, and Constance Harris, 1928. Under these ministers the church has shewn much activity. During the ministry of the Rev. Jenkin Thomas a small pedal organ was built in the gallery. During the ministry of the Rev. Melchizedec Evans the jubilee of the church was celebrated, and the schoolroom was enlarged and a cloakroom, etc., were added, and an organ chamber was built. In 1915 the organ in the gallery was disposed of and an entirely new organ built in the organ chamber at a cost of £410. In all these schemes the moving spirit was Mr. L. N. Williams, who was also a generous contributor to the cost. Legacies have been left by Mr. Richard Bedlington, Colonel Phillips, Mr. John James and Mr. L. N. Williams, and these with a gift of £100 from Mrs. Brooks, of New Jersey, U.S.A., once an active member of our church, have been invested and thus help to lighten what might otherwise prove a heavy financial burden.

There seems to be some doubt as to the names of the officers of the church in the early days. Colonel Phillips acted for some time as secretary, and later these duties were undertaken successively by Mr. L. N. Williams, Major R. D. Williams, Mr. Emerson Williams, and Mr. W. Mackintosh. Mr. J. L. Rowlands acts in that capacity to-day. The church seems to have known only two treasurers—Colonel Phillips and the present treasurer, Mr. Evan Jones.

The social life of the church has always been a good feature, and the interests of the children are well provided for. There is a Women's League which works in conjunction with that of Hen Dŷ Cwrdd, so that the benefit is mutual. We have a band of earnest workers, and under the guidance of our new minister, the Rev. Constance Harris, we are looking forward to a period of fresh activity and, we hope, renewed prosperity for our church.

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